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Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE **A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District**

Garcia's

BILL OF THE WEEK!

**SB 1241: cracks down on repeat
drunk drivers**

Convicted drunk drivers who repeatedly get behind the wheel while intoxicated could receive harsher punishment for their violations, according to legislation co-sponsored by Senator Garcia this week.

Under current law, a person may be charged with a felony for a third drunk-driving conviction, if it occurs within 10 years of the first conviction. But if a third conviction occurs more than 10 years after the first, it is merely a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail—a punishment attributed to a first offense.

Senate Bill 1241 would amend the law, making any third or subsequent drunk-driving conviction a felony, regardless of the time passed between convictions.

SB 1241 has the support of numerous state law-enforcement associations and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

Mark your calendar

For the 12th Annual Memorial Day Service

**Date: Thursday, May 25th
Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Michigan Senate Chambers
State Capitol, 3rd Floor**

Please R.S.V.P. your attendance (800) 516-0026

